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SUBJECT: TRANSLINEAR FLIGHTS TO TORTUGA ISLAND

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1089

1. IN RESPONSE TO TRANSLINEAR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION MADE JUST PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTEL, DEPARTMENT PASSED ON SUBSTANCE OF INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED.

2. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN OLIN TEAGUE (TEXAS) STATING HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD PERMIT TRANSLINEAR AT LEAST TO CARRY ON MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES ON TORTUGA.

3. WHATEVER GOH'S REASONS FOR REFUSING AUTHORIZE TRANSLINEAR FLIGHTS TO TORTUGA, IT IS CLEAR THAT TRANSLINEAR HAS ALEGITIMATE CONCERN FOR THE PROTECTION OF ITS INVESTMENT. NEITHER SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS NOR POSSIBLE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ALLUDED TO BY GENERAL HILAIRE SEEM CONVINCING. HILAIRE'S OFFER TO HAVE MILITARY COMMANDER IN THE AREA WATCH OVER EQUIPMENT OBVIOUSLY UNSATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE FOR VISITS BY COMPANY OFFICIALS.

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4. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OVERRIDING OBJECTION, REQUEST YOU
APPROACH GOH AND STATE THAT WE HOPE TRANSLINEAR WILL BE
ALLOWED ACCESS TO TORTUGA FOR PURPOSE PROTECTING ITS

INVESTMENT THERE. IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL TO DO SO, YOU
MAY REFER TO CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.

5. PLEASE REPORT RESULT YOUR DEMARCHE SOONEST SO THAT
WE MAY GIVE CONGRESSMAN TEAGUE A DEFINITIVE REPLY. SISCO

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